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ANNUAL REPORTS

TOWN OF

BELMONT

NEW HAMPSHIRE

YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1946

Annual Reports
of
The Selectmen
&
Other Officers
of
BELMONT
New Hampshire

Year Ending December 31, 1946

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator	LYLE R. HEATH
Selectmen	CHARLES E. WILLEY STANLEY F. HILL HARRY A. HOWLAND
Clerk	GUY L. HAMEL
Treasurer	WILLIAM E. PHILLIPS
Tax Collector	RUSSELL H. CUSHING
Health Officer	EARL ELLSWORTH
Police Chief	VICTOR N. ALLARD
Librarian	MRS. NETTIE HAGGETT
Road Agent	PHILIP BRYANT
School Board	NORMA PRESCOTT JOHN McDONOUGH RICHARD WESTON
Library Trustees	HARRY A. HOWLAND NELLIE C. CHAPLAIN LYLE R. HEATH
Trustees of Trust Funds	FRED H. PIPER ELLIS N. BLAISDELL RUSSELL H. CUSHING
Auditor	ELLIS N. BLAISDELL
Supervisors	ELLIS N. BLAISDELL ALCIDE TURCOTTE GORDON BEAN

Representative to the General Court
HON. CLARENCE B. DEARBON

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Belmont in the County of Belknap in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Community Hall in said Belmont on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next, at 9:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing;

2. To choose one Selectman for three years, one Trustee of the Public Library for three years, and one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years;

3. To raise such sums of money as recommended in the Budget and make appropriations for the same;

4. To see if the Town will vote to allow a discount of 2% on all taxes paid on or before July 5th, 1947;

5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes;

6. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Budget Committee;

7. To see if the Town will vote to have the term of its Police Officer three years;

8. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to secure the assistance of the State Tax Commission in reappraising the taxable property of the Town, in order to secure a greater equality as between taxpayers, and to insure the assessment of all property in the Town on the same standard value, and to raise and appropriate money to pay for the same;

9. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expenses of such an audit.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00, which is 1/100 of 1% of the assessed valuation of the Town, to the Lakes Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the Town in cooperation with other towns in the Lakes Region;

11. To see if the Town will convey by quitclaim deed

to Joseph L. Boutin a parcel of land lying between lots 21 and 22, and between a roadway running along the westerly side of said lots and Lake Winnisquam as shown on a plan entitled Tucker Shore, Lake Winnisquam, dated August 10, 1909, made by C. B. Thompson, Laconia, N. H., and recorded in Belknap County Registry of Deeds in Drawer E, number 174, in exchange for a quitclaim deed from him to the Town of the land over which the Town has built a road running between the cottage formerly of Howard Ballou and the cottage of Arthur Spring, now the property of Joseph L. Boutin, and of such part of Boutin land lying on the north side of the old road to Mohawk Point as may be necessary to straighten the curve on said road between the railroad and said Boutin cottage, provided that the deed from the Town to Boutin shall reserve for the public a right of way to the lake for the sole purpose of harvesting ice and drawing water from the lake;

12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended on the Camp Road, back of LaFlam's dance hall at Winnisquam;

13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the acquisition and control of shade or ornamental trees situated within the limits of the highway;

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise the salaries of any of its Town Officers or employees;

15. To see if the Town will vote to turn off the street lights at 1:00 o'clock a.m.;

16. To see if the Town will vote to resurface Fuller Street from Town Maintenence funds;

17. To see if the Town will vote to make any change in its water rates;

18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The polls shall not close before 3:00 p.m.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

CHARLES E. WILLEY
STANLEY HILL
Selectmen of Belmont

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES E. WILLEY
STANLEY HILL
Selectmen of Belmont

TOWN BUDGET

Purpose of Expenditures	Actual 1946	Estimated 1947
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES		
General Goverment:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$1,520.66	$1,800.00
Town Officers' Expenses	838.95	850.00
Election and Registration Expenses	302.90	150.00
Protection of Persons and Property		
Police Department	388.56	400.00
Fire Department		
Belmont, $1,800.00		
Winnisquam, $400.00	1,618.45	2,200.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust	300.00	300.00
Health		
Health Department, including Hospitals	948.87	1,100.00
Highways and Bridges		
Town Maintenance, Summer	4,586.47	4,500.00
Town Maintenance, Winter	3,402.55	3,000.00
Street Lighting	1,217.88	1,610.00
General Expenses, Highway Department	6,103.64	4,500.00
Hydrant Rental	450.00	450.00
Libraries	500.00	600.00
Public Welfare		
Town Poor	932.14	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,360.32	2,400.00
Patriotic Purposes		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	200.00	250.00
Recreation		
Parks and Playgrounds		300.00

Public Service Enterprises		
Municipally owned Water and Electric Utilities	4,902.95	4,000.00
Cemeteries	50.00	50.00
Interest	1,042.50	1,000.00
OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS		
Highways and Bridges		
Town Construction, Union Road	2,171.18	2,500.00
State Aid Construction, Town's Share	1,576.00	1,623.00
INDEBTEDNESS		
Payment on Principal of Debt		
(a) Bonds	1,500.00	1,500.00
(b) Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00
(e) Deficit of Previous Year		2,229.37
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS		
County Taxes	3,970.50	4,000.00
Payments to School Districts	27,000.00	31,781.20
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$68,235.84	$74,694.07

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Libraries, Lands and Buildings	$25,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	3,500.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buidings	8,000.00
Highway Department, Equipment	12,000.00
Water Supply	22,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	35,000.00
Schools, Equipment	3,000.00
Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds (Jameson lot)	500.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Lands and Buildings	$760,470.00
Growing Wood and Timber	20,500.00
Electric Plants	81,060.00
Horses, 69	8,100.00
Oxen, 6	500.00
Cows, 571	53,655.00
Other Neat Stock, 29	2,190.00
Fowls, 5,565	5,565.00
Portable Mills, 4	1,400.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	18,750.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	1,865.00
Stock in Trade	49,700.00
Mills and Machinery	79,000.00
TOTAL VALUATION (Exclusive of Soldier's Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind)	$$1,082,755.00
Poll Taxes, 600 at $2.00	$1,200.00
Total Amount of Taxes to be Committed to Collector	$54,254.99
Average rate of taxation per one hundred dollars valuation for all purposes	$4.90
Amount of property valuation exempted to soldiers	$34,040.00

Number of inventories sent out, 200

Number of inventories returned, 75

Electric and Gas Utility Companies

Public Service Co. of N. H.	$73,900.00
R. E. A.	1,160.00
Belmont Hosiery Co.	6,000.00
Gas Service, Inc.	2,300.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Town Officers Salaries	$1,500.00
Town Officers Expenses	650.00
Election and Registration Expenses	350.00
Police Department	300.00
Fire Department	2000.00
Elister Rust—Moth Extermination	300.00
Health Department	1000.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
State Aid Construction	1,576.00
Town Maintenance (a.)	3,500.00
Town Maintenance (b.)	2,750.00
Town Construction	2,500.00
Street Lighting	1,050.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	4,950.00
Libraries	500.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00
Town Poor	1,000.00
Memorial Day	200.00
Water and Electric Utilities	3,000.00
Cemeteries	50.00
Damages and Legal Expense	50.00
Interest	900.00
Payments on Principal of Debt	2,500.00
County Tax	3,970.50
School Tax	23,261.00
TOTAL TOWN AND SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS	$59,872.50

STATEMENT OF TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town and School Appropriations		$59,872.50
Interest and Dividend Tax	$380.00	
Railroad Tax	50.00	
Savings Bank Tax	700.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,000.00	
Interest Received on Taxes	450.00	
Water and Electric Departments	3,200.00	
Total Revenues and Credits		5,780.00
Plus Overlay		$162.49
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		$54,254.99
Less Poll Taxes at $2.00	$1,200.00	
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured		$53,054.99

TAX RATE SUBMITTED BY TOWN $4.90

TAXES TO BE COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR

Property Taxes	$53,054.99
Poll Taxes at $2.00	1,200.00
Total Taxes to be Committed	$54,254.99

ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer	$3,985.58	
		$3985.58
Unredeemed Taxes		
(a) Levy of 1946	260.31	
(b) Levy of 1945	375.95	
(c) Levy of 1944	68.78	
(d) Previous Years	9.50	
Fees Due	3.22	
		717.76
Uncollected Taxes		
(a) Levy of 1946	10,485.37	
(b) Levy of 1945	94.19	
(c) Levy of 1944	20.08	
		10,599.64
Water Rents	999.42	
		999.42
Total Assets		$16,302.40
Excess of liabilities over assets (Net Debt)		31,081.60
GRAND TOTAL		$47,384.00

Net Debt—December 31, 1945	$28852.23
Net Debt—December 31, 1946	31081.60
Increase of Debt	2229.37

LIABILITIES

Due to State—Special $3.00 Poll Taxes	
(a) Uncollected (1944, $45.00; 1945, 49.00)	$282.00
(b) Collected, (1944, $10.00; 1945, $245.00)	765.00
Due School District, Balance of Appropriation	6261.00
State and Town Joint Highway Construction Accounts, Unexpended Balance in Town Treasury	1576.00
Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	18,000.00
Long Term Notes Outstanding	11,000.00
Bonds Outstanding	9500.00
Total Liabilities	$47,384.00

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property and poll taxes, current year	$44,035.05
Property and poll taxes, previous years	10,029.24
Tax sales redeemed	465.21
From State	1,649.28
Dog licenses	112.00
Business licenses	10.00
Bank stock taxes	21.00
Rent of town property	102.20
Interest received	415.14
Registration of motor vehicles	1,312.14
Water rentals	2,923.07
Tarring driveways	51.00
Temporary Loan	15,000.00
Miscellaneous	244.52
Total receipts	$76,370.16
Cash on hand, December 31, 1945	2,456.77
Grand total	$78,826.93

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General government	
Town officers' salaries	$1,520.66
Town officers' expenses	838.95
Election and registration expenses	302.90
Protection of persons and property	
Police department	388.56
Fire department	1,618.45
Moth extermination—blister rust	300.00
Bounties	44.50
Damage by dogs	200.00
Health	
Health department, including hospitals	948.87
Hydrant rental	450.50
Highways and bridges	
Town maintenance	
(Summer, 5,098.85)	
(Winter, 3,382.55)	
	8,481.40
Street lighting and sprinkling	1,217.88
General expenses, highway department	6,103.64
Library	500.00
Public welfare	
Old age assistance	2,360.32

Town poor	932.14	
Memorial day	200.00	
Public service enterprises		
Water and electric utilities	4,902.95	
Cemeteries	50.00	
Discounts, abatements and refunds	1,795.45	
Total current maintenance expense		$33,156.77
Interest		1,042.50
Highways and bridges		2,171.18
Indebtedness		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	5,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	1,000.00	
Payments on bonded debt	1,500.00	
Total indebtedness payments		7,500.00
Payment to other goverment divisions		
Taxes paid to county	3,970.50	
Payments to School district	27,000.00	
Total payments to other divisions		30.970.00
Total payments for all purposes		$74,841.35
Cash on hand, December 31, 1946		3,985.58
Grand total		$78,826.93

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Receipts — 1946

January		
1	Cash on hand	$2,456.77
21	Socony Vacuum Oiil Company Refund	61.06
21	State of New Hampshire	314.01
21	Byse Insurance Company, dividend	20.00
February		
16	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Levy	1,633.28
16	R. H. Cushing, interest	20.01
March		
5	State of New Hampshire	36.50
15	People's National Bank Note	15,000.00
April		
8	Guy L. Hamel, Auto Permits	500.32
17	Socony Vacuum Oil Co., Refund	112.01
May		
8	Ray Road equipment, refund	18.40
8	State of New Hampshire	11.45
25	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	2,962.52
25	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Levy	2,255.32
25	R. H. Cushing, interest	51.44
25	R. H. Cushing, Water Rent	238.14
28	Pete Vachon, Wood	4.00
June		
8	Ed Rhodes, pool license	10.00
8	Phillip Bryant, use of cement mixer	1.00
July		
2	Phillip Bryant, use of cement mixer	13.00
5	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	1,595.65
5	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Levy	730.42
5	R. H. Cushing, interest	24.76
14	Citizen's National Bank, bank tax	15.00
14	State of New Hampshire, forest fires	7.20
14	State of New Hampshire, forest fires	5.55
15	R. H. Cushing 1946 Levy	415.80
15	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Levy	1,306.87
15	R. H. Cushing, Interest	42.95
20	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	1,222.62
20	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Levy	477.22
20	R. H. Cushing, Interest	24.25

August

1	State of N. H., refund on Abbie Vernon	47.12
1	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Levy	1,450.50
1	R. H. Cushing, Interest	73.11
1	R. H. Cushing, Water Rent	332.81
1	Town of Loudon, use of grader	22.20
10	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	533.83
10	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Levy	314.21
10	R. H. Cushing, Interest	1.05
10	R. H. Cushing, Redeemed	262.06
10	R. H. Cushing, Interest	38.45
30	State of N. H., forest fires	37.60
30	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	2,447.10
30	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Levy	800.36
30	R. H. Cushing, Interest	36.05
30	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	433.46

September

12	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	3,863.34
14	Phillip Bryant, use of cement mixer	30.00
14	Phillip Bryant, tarring driveway	5.00
21	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	1,817.20
21	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Levy	394.22
21	R. H. Cushing, Interest	31.54
21	R. H. Cusing, Water Rent	644.47

October

1	State of New Hampshire, forest fire	7.40
1	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	1,947.34
1	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Levy	440.82
1	R. H. Cushing, Interest	31.89
5	State of Newy Hampshire, forest fire	18.50
11	Phillip Bryant,use of cement mixer	4.00
18	Phillip Bryant, tarring driveway	21.00
18	Phillip Bryant, use of cement mixer	32.00
18	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	3,540.77
22	S. Oakleigh Swain, tarring driveway	25.00
26	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	955.14
26	R. H. Cushing, Water Rent	294.00

November		
12	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	2,615.34
22	Harry Howland, refund on pipe	22.40
23	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	2,363.77
30	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	10,655.34
30	R. H. Cushing, Water Rent	777.40
December		
4	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	2,352.82
19	State of New Hampshire, tax	1,163.95
23	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	1,348.01
23	R. H. Cushing, Interest	.67
23	R. H. Cushing, Water Rent	618.25
30	Earl Ellsworth, Telephone refund	5.85
30	Guy L. Hamel Auto Permits	812.13
30	Guy L. Hamel, Dog Tax	112.00
31	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Levy	2,669.47
31	R. H. Cushing, Taxes added	265.43
31	R. H. Cushing, Bank Stock Tax	6.00
31	R. H. Cushing, Water Rent	18.00
31	R. H. Cushing, 1946 Interest	11.49
31	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Levy	40.70
31	R. H. Cushing, Interest	1.20
31	R. H. Cushing, 1944 Levy	172.34
31	R. H. Cushing, Interest	23.50
31	R. H. Cushing, 1943 Levy	2.98
31	R. H. Cushing, Taxes added, 1944	10.00
31	R. H. Cushing, 1945 Redeemed	28.61
31	R. H. Cushing, 1944 Redeemed	15.65
31	R. H. Cushing, 1943 Redeemed	158 89
31	R. H. Cushing, Interest	2.78
TOTAL		$78,826.93

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers Salaries		
Charles E. Willey, Selectman	$250.00	
Stanley F. Hill, Selectman	200.00	
Harry A. Howland, Selectman	200.00	
Lyle Heath, Moderator	10.00	
Russell H. Cushing, Trustee	50.00	
William Phillips, Treasurer	120.00	
Earl Ellsworth, Health Officer	25.00	
Ellis N. Blaisdell, Auditor	10.00	
Russell H. Cushing, Collector	482.66	
Guy L. Hamel, Town Clerk	173.00	
		$1,520.66
Officers Expense		
Charles E. Willey	$82.90	
Stanley F. Hill	75.00	
Harry A. Howland	50.00	
William Philips	50.00	
Guy L. Hamel	84.52	
Nellie Chaplain	40.00	
Lyle Heath	10.00	
N. H. City and Town Clerks' Association	2.00	
N. H. Assessors Association	10.00	
Byse Insurance Co.	70.00	
Barbara Lyman	5.00	
Charles Rogers	2.40	
Carroll Stafford	.20	
Robert Foss	162.50	
Elizabeth Sanborn	36.20	
Edward Lydiard	9.75	
Maurice LeCroux	12.10	
Earl Ellsworth	3.45	
Laconia Savings Bank	3.00	
Belmont Cafe	16.00	
Belmont Hosiery Co.	11.40	
R. H. Cushing	47.81	
N. E. Tel. and Tel.	26.55	
Edson Eastman	12.84	
Citizen Publishing Co.	4.20	
Wheeler and Clark	11.13	
		838.95

Election and Registration		
Carl Sanborn	$48.00	
Mrs. LaCroix	12.90	
Ellis N. Blaisdell	164.00	
David Ricard, Jr.	15.00	
Citizen Publishing Co.	63.00	
		302.90
Police Department		
Victor N. Allard, Chief	$320.00	
Stanley Guay	16.00	
M. Fox Co.	27.33	
J. F. W. Dorman Co.	25.23	
		388.56
Fire Department		
N. E. Tel. and Tel.	$50.00	
Earl Ellsworth	127.85	
Payroll	551.50	
Thomas Rhodes	9.00	
S. F. Baker	17.85	
Fred LaFlamm	68.58	
Robert LeCoux	6.00	
Ellis N. Blaisdell	96.20	
J. H. Labbe	47.52	
State of New Hampshire	25.99	
American LaFrance	26.88	
N. J. Huggins	20.80	
Alonzo Simmons	300.00	
James Evirs	50.10	
N H. Forestry Department	14.19	
Mass. Bonding Insurance Co.	178.75	
Rolfe Camp Co.	27.24	
		1,618.45
Blister Rust		
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	300.00	
		300.00

Bounties		
Charles E. Willey	39.50	
Stanley F. Hill	5.00	
		44.50
Damage by Dogs		
Gerard Camire	$100.00	
Arthur Harris	100.00	
		200.00
Health Department		
Ludger Parent	$724.00	
Laconia Hospital	200.00	
Gerard Corriveau	6.00	
John Corriveau	16.87	
Parker Stroud	2.00	
		948.87
Hydrant Rental		
R. H. Cushing, Collector	$450.00	
		450.00
Union Road		
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	$2,061.38	
Stephen Perkins	81.00	
Philip Bryant	541.18	
		2,683.56
Street Lighting		
Belmont Hosiery Co.	$1,100.59	
Public Service Co.	117.29	
		1,217.88

General Expense, Highway Department

Belmont Hosiery Co.	$34.64	
Socony-Vacuum Co.	966.84	
N. E. Tel. and Tel.	33.97	
A L. Forger	8.40	
John Bryant	74.00	
State Highway Garage	2.18	
Eddie's Garage	1.50	
Howard Reed	52.01	
Diamond Match Co.	55.46	
Spear Welding Co.	110.30	
Casellini Venerable	268.39	
Gerard Sturgeon	140.00	
C. H. Dorval	7.00	
J. N. Mahoney	369.84	
Harry Mudgett	38.95	
Ralph Smith	38.45	
Sorrel Auto Parts	227.05	
Clarence Smith	6.88	
Laconia Electric Co.	1.43	
W. D. Huse Co.	62.89	
J. H. Labbe	8.65	
R. C. Hazleton	94.26	
Fred LaFlamm	506.08	
Henry Rogers	5.49	
Granite State Motors	85.74	
Samuel Ray	1,893.00	
Laconia Wrecking Co.	4.00	
Lakes Region Feed and Supply Co.	81.60	
Moor Motors	20.15	
W. S. Darby Co.	14.65	
N. H. Explosive Co.	61.50	
Joseph Boutin	343.03	
Osborn Service Station	40.00	
Merrill and Cote	29.05	
Conant Machine Co.	121.99	
C P. Stevens	38.70	
Murry Machine Co.	29.07	
Cantin Chevrolet	42.02	
All States Steel Corp.	182.25	
Carrier and Mattie	2.20	
		6,103.64

Library		
Nellie Chaplain, Treasurer	$500.00	
		500.00
OLd Age Assistance		
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire	$2,360.32	
		2,360.32
Town Poor		
Bernice Dame	$750.44	
Story Drug Store	15.55	
Karl Smith, M. D.	73.00	
Roger Brassard, M. D.	6.00	
Lennie Morrison	87.15	
		932.14
Memorial Day and Old Home Day		
Rudolph Scharf	$100.00	
Harry Jones	100.00	
		200.00
Water Works		
C. B. Dearbon	$2,819.60	
Belmont Hosiery Co.	941.54	
Laconia Water Co.	467.68	
O'Mara and Ramsey	181.48	
Tilton and Northfield Aqueduct Co.	7.95	
Concord Water Works	92.58	
Socony-Vacuum	8.37	
C. E. Marden	26.77	
Builders Providence Co.	17.80	
Rockwood Sprinkler Co.	217.50	
Spear's Welding Co.	9.75	
Laconia Hospital	20.00	
Gilbert and Tardiff	15.00	
Eyvonne Blanchard	10.00	
Francoeur and Keroack	5.07	
Layne Manufacturing Co.	29.25	
John McDonough	32.61	
		4,902.95

Discount and Abatement		
R. H. Cushing	$1,795.45	
		1,795.45
Interest		
People's National Bank	$672.50	
Laconia Savings Bank	330.00	
Fred H. Piper	40.00	
		1,042.50
Temporary Loans		
People's National Bank	$5,000.00	
		5,000.00
Long Term Notes		
People's National Bank	$2,500.00	
		2,500.00
County Tax		
Treasurer, Belknap County	$3,970.50	
		3,970.50
School District		
William E. Phillips, Treasurer	$27,000.00	
		27,000.00
TOTAL		$74,841.35

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

Circulation		
Adults		3,689
Juvenile		1,136
Magazines		589
		5,414
Received from dues		$55.28
Paid Out for Books	$18.42	
Assistant	20.10	
Supplies and Postage	7.50	
		46.02
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1947		$9.26

NETTIE P. HAGGETT,
Librarian

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Receipts	
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1945	$381.06
Town Appropriation	500.00
Duffy Fund	338.80
Rent of Memorial Hall	23.50
Dividend from Insurance	28.15
Cash for Books	16.63
Refund from Sears, Roebuck and Co.	1.18
	$1,289.32
Expenditures	
Librarian	$360.00
Assistant Librarian	9.80
Janitor	120.00
Belmont Hosiery Company, Heat	75.00
Lights	43.12
Water Rent	11.00
Insurance	40.75
J. H. Valliere Co., Repairing Radiators	60.47
Books	191.12
Papers, Magazines	47.60
Examination of Account and Charges at Bank	14.51
Desk Light and Index File	9.27
Treasurer's Salary and Expenses	10.00
Minor Expenses	21.44
	$1,014.08
Balance on Hand, December 31, 1946	275.24
	$1,289.32

HARRY A. HOWLAND,

NELLIE C. CHAPLIN,

LYLE N. HEATH,

Trustees of the Library

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Automobile Permits		
Number of Pleasure Cars	507	
Number of Trucks	80	
Number of Motorcycles	4	
Total Number of Permits Issued	591	
Amount Collected for Same		$1,295.25
Dog Licenses		
Kennel Licenses, 1	$10.00	
Male and Female Dogs	132.00	
		$142.00

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

1946	$54,254.99	$271.43	$43,055.62	$10,485.37
1945	9,938.11		9,843.92	94.19
1944	172.34	10.00	182.34	
1943	2.98		2.98	
1941	20.08			20.08

RUSSELL H. CUSHING
Collector

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Receipts

December 31, 1945, Brought Forward	$7.00
July 27, 1946, Received from Laconia Savings Bank	69.75
July 27, 1946, Received from Laconia Savings Bank	74.50
July 30, 1946, Received from Laconia Savings Bank	15.00
August 28, 1946, Received from Laconia Savings Bank	21.88
	$188.13

Expenditures

July 28, 1946, Paid Edwin Couch for care of lots in South Road Cemetery	$74.50
July 28, 1946, Paid Walter Sanborn for care of twenty lots in Highland Cemetery	69.75
August 28, 1946, Paid Nathan Wyatt for care of lots in Old Cemeteries	13.13
August 28, 1946, Paid Walter Sanborn for labor on seven lots in Old Cemeteries	8.75
August 28, 1946, Paid South Road Cemetery	7.00
September 19, 1946, Paid Prescott's Shop	15.00
	$188.13

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF FUNDS FOR OLD CEMETERIES

Receipts

December 31, 1945, Brought Forward	$64.65
October 7, 1946, Received from Town	50.00
	$114.65

Expenditures

August 24, 1946, Paid Nathan Wyatt for labor and truck on:	
Dow Cemetery	$2.25
Farrah Cemetery	3.00
Warren Lamprey Cemetery	5.25
Hunt Farm Cemetery	2.62
Adams Cemetery	4.50
Jackson Cemetery	5.25
Perkins Cemetery	10.87
August 24, 1946, Paid Walter Sanborn for labor on:	
Dow Cemetery	1.00
Farrah Cemetery	2.00
Warren Lamprey Cemetery	3.50
Hunt Farm Cemetery	1.75
Adams Cemetery	3.00
Jackson Cemetery	3.50
Perkins Cemetery	7.25
December 31, 1946, Cash on Hand	58.91
	$114.65

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

These funds are invested in the Laconia Savings Bank and paid 2½% Intesest in 1946.

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	Principal	Income On hand 12-31-45	Income	Expense	Balance 12-31-46
1902	Sylvia A. Walcott fund, care of lot on Kinsley Hall Farm	$100.00	$29.22	$3.26	$2.50	$29.98
1907	Stevens Effield fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	2,000.00	205.79	55.40	9.00	252.26
1909	W.H. Sanborn fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	75.00	26.87	2.55	2.00	27.42
1909	John S. Folsom fund, care of lot in Province Road Cemetery	100.00	76.47	4.45	3.75	77.17
910	Stephen Folsom fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	100.00	9.15	2.74	4.00	7.89
916	James N. Hall fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	100.00	64.33	4.13	3.00	65.46
1916	Charles E. Cate fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	300.00	115.15	10.42	10.50	115.07
1917	John M. Folsom fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	100.00	22.24	3.07	4.00	21.31
1920-5	George W. Effield fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	1,287.00	275.23	39.29		314.52
1920	Silas W. Leavitt fund, care of lot in Joseph Leavitt Cemetery	100.00	80.79	4.54	3.75	81.58
1921	Mrs. Louis Ingalls fund, care of Hannah P. Brown lot in Highland Cemetery	100.00	30.47	3.28	4.00	29.75
1921	Sarah E. Piper fund, care of Piper and Sweat lots in Highland Cemetery	100.00	8.05	2.71	4.00	6.76

Report of the Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	Principal	Income On hand 12-31-45	Income	Expense	Balance 12-31-46
1921	D.W. Gale fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	100.00	11.57	2.79	4.00	10.36
1921	Blanche Weymouth fund, care of lot Highland Cemetery	100.00	11.52	2.79	3.00	11.31
1921	Lydia A. Willard fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	50.00	4.02	1.36	1.50	3.88
1921	Lillian Knowles fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	100.00	13.96	2.85	3.00	13.81
1922	Electa Currier fund, care of lot in Mt. Auburn Cemetery	100.00	55.11	3.90		59.01
1922	Etta H. Gilman fund, care of ½ lot in South Road Cemetery	50.00	.06	1.26		51.32
1922	Happa Latty fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	100.00	33.87	3.35	3.00	34.22
1923	Mrs. Josephine Hall fund, care of lot in Jamestown Cemetery	50.00	12.31	1.57		13.88
1924	John A. Ladd fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	60.00	4.69	1.61	2.00	4.30
1924	Thomas Clark fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	60.00	5.25	1.64	3.00	3.89
1924	William Kilborn fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	121.32	35.43	3.93	5.00	34.36
1924	Mason & Clark fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	60.00	6.27	1.67	2.00	5.94

Report of the Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	Principal	Income On hand 12-31-45	Income	Expense	Balance 12-31-46
	Fred H. Brown fund, care of Evans lot in Highland Cemetery	50.00	61.71	2.80	6.00	58.51
1924	William H. Merrill fund, care of lot in Jamestown Cemetery	100.00	12.89	2.83		15.72
1924	Fred A. Currier fund, care of lot in Jamestown Cemetery	200.00	27.60	5.72		33.32
1925	Cora E. Thompson fund, care of lot No. 54 in South Road Cemetery	75.00	12.89	2.19	3.00	12.08
1926	Clara N. Lovejoy fund, care of lot in Highland Cemetery	100.00	21.04	3.04	5.00	19.08
1926	Mattie C. Adams fund, care of lot in Jamestown Cemetery	20.00	3.50	.58		4.08
1927	Dana D. Mansfield fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	100.00	9.71	2.75	4.00	8.46
1927	C.S. Watson fund, care of Batchelder lot in Highland Cemetery	50.00	3.82	1.34	1.50	3.66
1928	W.C. Wells fund, care of lot No. 12 in Highland Cemetery	100.00	10.43	2.77	3.00	10.20
1928	Etta Gilman fund, care of her lot and C.S. Gilman lot in South Road Cemetery	100.00	17.46	2.94	5.00	15.40
1930	A.L. West fund, care of lot No. 62 in South Road Cemetery	100.00	13.25	2.84	2.00	14.09
1930	Laurantine Sanborn fund, care of lot No. 88 South Road Cemetery	100.00	21.48	3.04	3.00	21.52

Report of the Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	Principal	Income On hand 12-31-45	Income	Expense	Balance 12-31-46
1930	John Bean Est., Mrs. Ella BEan, care of lot No. 33 in South Road Cemetery	100.00	23.49	3.10	2.00	24.59
1930	Fred Bickford fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	50.00	.45	1.27	1.50	.22
1933	Samuel W. Knowles fund, care of lots Nos. 84 and 21 in South Road Cemetery	300.00	11.82	7.82	10.00	9.65
1933	Jeremiah S. Kimball fund, care of lot No. 50 South Road Cemetery	50.00	43	1.27	1.50	.20
1934	Abbie Fifield fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	1,000.00	193.78	30.01	12.00	211.79
1934	Ada B. Hudson fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	50.00	18.95	1.71		20.66
1934	V. Estelle Sanborn fund, care of lot No. 26 Highland Cemetery	100.00	17.67	2.95	3.00	17.62
1934	Harriet S. Leonard fund, care of Ddr. Hurd lot in Highland Cemetery	100.00	9.46	2.74	2.00	10.20
1934	Mrs. Charles Richards fund, care of lot No. 179 South Road Cemetery	100.00	9.59	2.74	3.00	9.33
1935	Mary Page fund, care of Frank Chase lot South Road Cemetery	50.00	14.21	1.61	.50	15.32
1935	Asa Gile fund, care of Gile lot in Jamestown Cemetery	100.00	20.78	3.03	3.75	20.06
1935	Otis Sanborn fund, care of lot No. 35 in Highland Cemetery	100.00	8.21	2.71	2.00	8.92

Report of the Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	Principal	Income On hand 12-31-45	Income	Expense	Balance 12-31-46
1938	George P. Dearbon fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	100.00	8.46	2.71	2.00	9.17
1938	Lettie M. Hall fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	100.00	3.47	2.59	2.00	4.06
1939	M. Jennie Small fund, care of Small and Garmon lots in South Road Cemetery	103.17	1.04	2.61	2.00	1.65
1939	Mabel A.D. Clark fund, care of lot No. 131 South Road Cemetery	200.00	23.24	5.62	2.00	26.86
1939	Sadie Pelham fund, care of Lillian Hull lot in South Road Cemetery	100.00	6.28	2.67	2.00	6.95
1940	Nahum E. Sanborn fund, care of his lot in South Road Cemetery	100.00	4.59	2.61	2.00	5.20
1940	Edna French fund, care of Moses Lyford lot in South Road Cemetery	100.00	5.45	2.64	2.00	6.09
1940	Wm. B. Courser fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	200.00	12.23	5.33	3.00	14.56
1942	Vinson E. Hadley fund, care of Hadley Cemetery, Province Road	200.00	15.14	5.40	3.13	17.41
1942	Ethelbert Sayward fund, care of Woodman Cemetery	100.00	4.93	2.63	2.50	5.06
1942	Benjamin Mudgett fund, care of lot in South Road Cemetery	50.00	2.58	1.31	1.00	2.89
1938	Fred L. and George Hancock fund, care of lot South Road Cemetery	200.00	22.44	5.59	3.00	25.03

Report of the Trust Funds, continued

Created	Trust Funds—Purpose of Creation	Principal	Income On hand 12-31-45	Income	Expense	Balance 12-31-46
1944	Sara Lamprey fund, care of Lamprey Cemetry, Province Road	250.00	4.18	6.39	2.50	8.07
1944	Mabel A.D. Clark fund, care of lot No. 139, South Road Cemetery	200.00	.50	5.04	2.00	3.54
1946	Kate K. Wells fund, care of lot and care of Highland Cemetery	1,000.00				
1946	Etta B. Dearbon fund, care of lot in Union Cemetery, Laconia, N.H.	100.00				

TOWN INDEBTEDNESS

	Refunding 4% Bonds	Refunding 2½% Notes	Total Due Each Year
1947	$1,500.00	$1,000.00	$2,500.00
1948	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00
1949	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00
1950	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00
1951	1,500.00	1,000.00	2,500.00
1952	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
1953	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
1954	500.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
1955		1,000.00	1,000.00
1956		1,000.00	1,000.00
1957		1,000.00	1,000.00
	$9,500.00	$11,000.00	$20,500.00

BONDS OUTSTANDING

31.	Laconia Savings Bank	1947	$500.00
32.	Laconia Savings Bank	1947	500.00
33.	Laconia Savings Bank	1947	500.00
34.	Laconia Savings Bank	1948	500.00
35.	Laconia Savings Bank	1948	500.00
36.	Laconia Savings Bank	1948	500.00
37.	Laconia Savings Bank	1949	500.00
38.	Laconia Savings Bank	1949	500.00
39.	Laconia Savings Bank	1949	500.00
40.	Laconia Savings Bank	1950	500.00
41.	Laconia Savings Bank	1950	500.00
42.	Laconia Savings Bank	1950	500.00
43.	Laconia Savings Bank	1951	500.00
44.	Laconia Savings Bank	1951	500.00
45.	Laconia Savings Bank	1951	500.00
46.	F. H. Piper	1952	500.00
47.	F. H. Piper	1952	500.00
48.	Oscar L. Young	1953	500.00
49.	Oscar L. Young	1954	500.00
			$9,500.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the accounts of the selectmen, highway agent, town clerk, treasurer, tax collector, trustees of the public library and trustees of trust funds and find them sustained by proper vouchers and all accounts correctly cast.

ELLIS N. BLAISDELL
Auditor

Belmont, N. H., March 1, 1947

OFFICERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator	STANLEY F. HILL
Clerk	NETTIE P. HAGGETT
Treasurer	WILLIAM E. PHILLIPS
Auditor	FRANK HUNTOON

School Board

Term Expires 1947	NORMA A. PRESCOTT
Term Expires 1948	JOHN J. McDONOUGH
Term Expires 1949	RICHARD W. WESTON
School Nurse	LURLINE H. McCOOK
Superintendent	DONALD P. MATOON

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1945	$2,908.52
Appropriations, 1945-46	20,000.00
City of Laconia	148.00
Telephone	27.23
Refunds	25.58
State Aid	5,249.12
Sanbornton School District	18.00
Canterbury School District	135.00
Loudon School District	90.00
Sale of Supplies	26.30
Gilmanton School District	108.00
George-Deen Federal Aid for:	
Home Economics, 1944-45	169.77
Home Economics, 1945-46	197.51
Total Receipts	$29,103.03

PAYMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries of District Officers		
Nettie G. Haggett	$2.00	
Milton D. Hayward	50.00	
John J. McDonough	50.00	
William E. Phillips	40.00	
Norma A. Prescott	50.00	
Total		$192.00
Superintendent's Salary		
Winnifred F. Walker, Treas. Supervisory Union		440.00
Truant Officer and School Census		
R. E. Lane	$3.20	
Dorothy Swain	25.00	
Total		28.20
Expenses of Administration		
Editha K. Cowing	$.75	
Cheney, Nighswander and Lord	5.18	
Edson C. Eastman	8.10	
Donald P. Matcon	17.05	
N. E. Tel. and Tel.	99.20	
William E. Phillips	20.00	
Cecile E. Smith	.15	
John H. Starie	5.70	
Winnifred F. Walker, Treac., Supervisory Union	400.00	
World Book Co.	1.70	
Total		557.83

INSTRUCTION

Principal's and Teachers' Salaries

Editha K. Cowing	$1,324.00	
Doris R. Glaude	1,227.20	
Grace Guptill, Substitute	42.00	
Sally A. Kott	1,222.40	
Priscilla E. Marrotte	240.00	
James F. McKeon	506.60	
Agnes H. Moulton	1,251.70	
Alberta Nelson	1,213.40	
Grace J. Sargent	1,466.80	
Velma L. Simpson	1,305.95	
Cecile L. Smith	766.30	
Dorothy Starie, substitute	45.00	
John Starie	2,087.65	
Dorothy Swain, Substitute	30.00	
National Educational Association	3.00	
Teachers' Retirement	129.17	
Collector of Internal Revenue	1,408.20	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	54.75	
Total		$14,324.12

Textbooks

Ginn & Co.	$7.20	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	75.88	
Iroquois Publishing Co.	7.75	
Laidlaw Bros.	49.28	
Lorenz Publishing Co.	5.73	
Macmillan Co.	7.32	
Row, Peterson & Co.	5.16	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	29.23	
Southwestern Publishing Co.	11.25	
Tilton-Northfield Union School District	26.47	
Webster Publishing Co.	3.16	
World Book Co.	12.62	
Total		$241.05

Scholars' Supplies		
American Education Press	$23.60	
Arlo Publishing Co.	2.50	
Edward E. Babb & Co., Inc.	609.28	
F. J. Barnard & Co.	28.50	
Albert Boudreau	23.00	
Brodhead-Garrett Co.	35.04	
Bryant & Lawrence	37.93	
Cambosco Scientific Co.	15.00	
Central Scientific Co.	25.10	
Congleton Typewriter Co.	4.50	
Civic Education Service	18.00	
Ernest Fiske	10.00	
Gladhill Bros.	4.30	
The Grade Teacher	3.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	3.68	
Kidder Lumber Co.	15.78	
Laconia Electric Shop	5.55	
Oscar Lougee	1.26	
Mayfair Agency	30.30	
W. R. Morrison	6.00	
The Ralph H. Smith Co.	25.44	
Auril R. Tasker	168.31	
Tilton-Northfield Union School District	61.33	
Total		$1,157.60
Other Expenses of Instruction		
Boston University	$10.40	
J. L. Hammett Co.	8.67	
W. R. Morrison	63.30	
John H. Starie	16.00	
U. of Nebraska Extension Division	367.37	
Rev. Pierre D. Vuilleumier	10.00	
Prof. William Yale	10.00	
Total		485.74

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

Janitor Service		
Clarence B. Dearbon	$1,086.00	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	18.00	
Collector of Internal Revenue	30.00	
Total		1,134.00

Fuel		
Peter Dutile	$751.34	
Wendell Dearbon	144.00	
A. M. Evirs	10.00	
Total		905.34
Water, Light and Janitor Supplies		
Belmont Hosiery Co.	$140.50	
Dickerman & Co.	140.50	
M. F. Bragdon Paint Co.	72.93	
Masury-Young Co.	10.36	
Donald P. Matoon	1.19	
Town of Belmont	153.50	
Tilton-Northfield Union School District	59.20	
West Disinfecting Co.	17.55	
Total		758.05
Minor Repairs and Expenses		
Arthur W. Abbott	$11.65	
Bouilia Gerrell Lumber Co.	114.31	
Ralph Bryant	6.30	
Bryant & Lawrence	19.88	
Congleton Typewriter Exchange	27.00	
C. B. Dearbon	293.01	
Diamond Match Co.	2.25	
Kidder Lumber Co.	36.34	
C. J. Nourie	3.65	
J. P. Pitman	9.00	
Donald F. Perthel	316.18	
Clifford Robichaud	64.99	
Philip D. Spaulding	18.00	
Tekwood, Inc.	37.00	
Total		959.76

AUXILIARY AGENCIES AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Medical Inspection		
Dr. Carl Smith	$125.00	
Ruth B. Whitcomb, R. N.	566.19	
Collector of Internal Revenue	1.90	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	9.00	
Total		702.09

Transportation of Pupils		
Milford Hislop	$356.00	
Laconia Transit	3,094.00	
Charles Waterman	848.00	
Mrs. Charles Waterman	576.00	
Total		4,874.00
Other Special Activities		
Belmont Hosiery Co.	$50.00	
Robert Dearbon	64.00	
Marion Stucker	36.00	
Total		150.00
FIXED CHARGES		
Insurance		
Guy L. Hamel		$75.60
Per Capita Tax		
State Treasurer		560.00
OUTLAY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT		
Land and New Buildings		
Clifford Brizer		12.00
New Equipment		
Frontier Press Co. of Boston		26.30
DEBT SERVICE		
Payment of Principal of Debt		
Laconia Savings Bank		700.00
Payment of Interest of Debt		
Laconia Savings Bank		111.75
Total Payments		$28,395.43
Cash on Hand, June 30, 1946		707.60
Grand Total		$29,103.03

Respectfully submitted,

NORMA A. PRESCOTT
JOHN J. McDONOUGH
RICHARD W. WESTON
School Board

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

I have examined the accounts of William E. Phillips, Treasurer of the School Board of Belmont, New Hampshire, and find them sustained by proper vouchers and all correctly cast.

FRANK E. HUNTOON
Auditor

July 9, 1946

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Members of the School Board, Parents,and Voters of the Belmont School District:

The schools are in the throes of adjusting themselves to trying conditions. Costs of scholars' supplies are rising, teachers are being enticed to higher paying positions elsewhere, enrollments are increasing and school needs in this "international" age are great. The conditions under which the schools have been maintained since the last annual report are recorded herein.

Building and Equipment

The composition shingles on the Gale School had disintegrated so much that they have to be replaced during the summer. The gabled roof and the steep-sided cupola are hard surfaces to shingle. A very reliable roofing concern, Charles E. Douphinett Company, of Franklin, performed this work prior to the opening of the fall term.

The selectmen have agreed to install lights at the rear of the two school buildings, operated on the town lighting system. By illuminating the dark areas at the back of the buildings, juveniles should be less inclined to congregate there and annoy groups at school functions or to destroy school property.

A room in the cellar of the Gale school has been cleared and cleaned by the janitor and awaits redecorating. This part of the basement should prove a very satisfactory place in which to prepare hot meals for pupils.

The Federal government appropriated funds for a permanent school lunch program by giving money to partially purchase equipment and to subsidize the cost of meals. One of the great needs in Belmont has been cooking facilities which could be used and not interfere with high school economics classes By application, Belmont has been apportioned $1,335.10 of Federal funds for equipment, provided the District pays a like sum and spends $2,670.20 or more in all for approved equipment.

In a survey conducted last year by the headmaster and teachers, it was found that about fifty boys and girls desired to purchase a hot meal at the school noon hour. Under the careful management of an efficient cook, it might be possible to pay the expenses of a school lunch program serving an average of fifty pupils daily.

The replacement cost of buildings damaged by fire has advanced materially in recent years. The present insurance coverage on the two buildings may not be as large as the district will wish to carry: High School, $22,000; Gale School, $5,000.

Teachers and Supervisors

At the High School, the services of Mr. John H. Starie as Headmaster, Miss Doris Glaude and Mrs. Velma Lucier Simpson were sought and retained, for which we are fortunate because their experience stabilized the staff.

Mrs. Grace Sargent, teacher of junior high school mathematics and science, resigned to accept a more lucrative position in a Vermont private school. We were pleased to obtain the services of Mr. Fred A. Rogler, of Manchester, an experienced teacher in Rhode Island, graduate of the University of New Hampshire, to handle the mathematics work and manual training for the younger boys.

Miss Sally A. Kott accepted a contract in Tilton, leaving the prospect of an unfilled home economics position here, because of the dearth of trained teachers in this specialized field. We were glad to learn that Mrs. Doris D. Griffin of Gilmanton, with experience in teaching young pupils, had had home economics training at the Keene Teachers' College. She accepted appointment in Belmont and, in addition, has furnished a means of transporting some children residing temporarily in the vicinity of the Swiss Chateau at Rocky Pond

At the Gale School, S/sgt. James F. McKeon returned to the principalship on March 4, 1946, but decided to accept the benefits under the G. I. Bill and to study this year at the University of New Hampshire. His return to the head of the Gale School necessitated the temporary release of Mrs. Cecile L. Smith for a three month period.

In the fall, at the opening of school, Mrs. Editha K. Cowing became the principal of the Gale School and Mrs. Smith returned to take Mrs. Moulton's place.

Mrs. Agnes H. Moulton accepted a job at the Gilford Grade School, near her home, and Miss Alberta Nelson went to Rollinsford, within easy commuting distance of her residence in Rochester. Their places were filled by experienced teachers: Miss Wilhelmina B. Reed of Northfield and Mrs. Helen H. Rego of Tilton.

Miss Priscilla E. Marrotte continues as music supervisor.

The dearth of rooms and apartments in town has complicated the employment of teachers the last few years. At the present time only two of the nine full-time teachers live in Belmont. This removes from the community activities the support of several fine persons, a condition which we deplore, but which we cannot remedy while living accomodations are so scarce.

Enrollment

Gale School

Grade	Enrollment	Teacher
I-II	30	Mrs. Editha K. Cowing, Princ.
II-III	32	Miss Wilhelmina B. Reed
IV-V	32	Mrs. Cecile L. Smith
V-VI	21	Mrs. Helen H. Rego
	115	

High School

Grade	Enrollment	Teacher
VII	21	Miss Doris R. Glaude
VIII	25	Miss Doris D. Griffin
IX	26	Mr. Fred A. Rogler
X	19	Mrs. Velma L. Simpson
XI	16	Mr. John H. Starie, Hdmr.
XII	14	
	121	

Transportation

Transporter	Route	Vehicle	Trips
Mrs. Doris D. Griffin	Rocky Pond		1
Milford C. Hislop	South Rd.	Chevrolet Car	2
	Gilmanton Rd.		
Laconia St. Ry.	Province Rd.	White Bus	1
	Winnisquam	White Bus	1
Mrs. Leila Waterman	River	Pontiac Sta.	2
	Jamestown		

Health

Due to changes in the nursing service in some of the five districts comprising Supervisory Union No. 59, of which Belmont is a part, it was possible to have one school nurse instead of three attend to the health program. Mrs. Lurline H. McCook of Tilton, for eighteen years the district and school nurse in Tilton and Northfield, was selected. It is now possible to have a coordinated health program and to note steady improvement in the well-being of boys and girls.

High School Costs

Each year the State Board of Education publishes the "Costs of Instruction" for the high schools of the state. In the latest list there were over eighty high schools recorded. Belmont's place was thirteenth from the lowest ($106.59 per pupil) while the state average was $123.79. Belmont's cost was about $17 less per pupil than the average for all New Hampshire high schools listed.

High School Needs

For the next three years there may be a greater number of boys than girls enrolled in the High School. The prospective enrollment for grades IX to XII for next year approximates eighty, of which about fifty will be boys.

The large number of boys and girls attending the school calls for early consideration of school needs.

1. **The shop program**, general shop and cabinetmaking should be offered alternately in the first two years of high school work.

2. **The need for a gymnasium** connected with the high school building becomes more urgent each year. A gymnasium would permit the development of a well-rounded extra-curricular program. It would provide a place for noon-hour activities, thereby preventing damage to the building under the present crowded conditions, and it could serve community needs.

3. **There may be a need** for more classroom space, especially for science groups.

4. **The Headmaster's teaching load** should be releived so he has a chance to do the counseling and to guide the pupils more than at present. There is an increase in the administrative load as the size of the enrollment becomes greater, involving clerical

work, record keeping and administrative duties.

5. **Subject offerings, now provided** for in part by correspondence courses, should be discussed and teacher time secured to teach the subjects which pupils may require in these post-war years.

Correspondence Courses

Correspondence courses have been a fairly effective and quite economical way of enriching the subject offerings at Belmont High School in the last two years. No resident teacher has been provided for these. The lessons are purchased from the University of Nebraska Extension Service. The pupils are supervised in completing these lessons by one or more of the regular high school teachers, but failures occur. Possibly some pupils would not fail in these correspondence lessons if greater guidance and supervision could be given.

The cost of the lessons is small compared with the value to the pupils. The total cost is much less than the charge for employing an additional teacher. In addition, a much wider variety of courses can be obtained to suit the individual pupil's needs.

During the last two years, 1945-46 and 1946-47, twelve different correspondence courses have been purchased. They are as follows:

Name of Course	Enrolled	Passed	Failed	Incomplete
Elementary Typewriting I	16	12	3	1
Elementary Typewriting II	3	2		1
Elementary Shorthand	4	1		3
Mechanical Drawing I	3	1	1	1
Mechanical Drawing II	1			1
Farm Accounting	1	1		
General Agriculture	1	1		
Farm Mechanics	1	1		
Automotive Mechanics	3			3
Plane Geometry	1			1
Algebra I	1			1
Beginning Radio	1			1
	36	19	4	13

In correspondence courses, pupils are "on their own" to a greater extent than in regular high school classes taught by a teacher. While a schedule for the completion of lessons is set up, pupils have to strive hard to maintain this. The accomplishments of pupils who pass the correspondence courses are good. With diligent pupils, the subject offerings in a small high school like Belmont's can be enlarged tremendously.

New Subjects

We are living in an "international age." There is a great need for global understanding by adolescents who are struggling with their own "growing" problems. Twe new subjects have been introduced: World Geography in Grades IX and X, and Personal Psychology in Grades XI and XII.

In addition to these, Glee Club participation bears credit towards graduation.

Veterans

Four veterans have enrolled in the high school this year. Two of these have passed the General Education Development Tests (G. E. D.) and have been granted High School Equivalency Certificates by the State Board of Education.

These veterans have been successful in adapting to school life and have entered into many school ectivities. Their contributions to the classroom work are of a very positive character. Two of the veterans plan to enter post-secondary institutions, and two are taking terminal courses.

The G. E. D. tests were also administered to a non-veteran adult in order to qualify her for a hairdresser's certificate.

Diplomas to veterans have been granted by the School Board:

KENNETH HEATH FRANK HUNKINS

Area Vocational School in Laconia

The 1945 Legislature established two State Trade Schools and several area vocational schools. The nearest Area Vocation School to Belmont is the one now being operated in conjunction with the day sessions of the Laconia High School.

Two boys from Belmont have enrolled in the Laconia Area Vocational School. Richard Shaw is taking thh Agriculture course and Peter Benoit, the shop course.

It is likely that boys and girls living in Belmont but near Laconia may be attracted by the offerings in the Area Vocational School, but lack of economical transportation from Belmont Village to Laconia may prevent some pupils from taking

advantage of it.

The Belmont School District pays tuition for this training to Laconia, but, in turn, it is reimbursed from State funds.

1946 GRADUATION EXERCISES

Program

Processional	Mr. Frank Judkins
Invocation	Rev. Frederick W. Fitzpatric
Address of Welcome	Grace Elizabeth Burleigh
Selection, "Sundown"	Glee Club
Address	William A. Yale, A. M. Assistant Professor of History The University of New Hampshire
Selection, "Nightfall in Granada"	Glee Club
Address of Farewell	Shirley Mae Currier
Presentation of Diplomas	John J. McDonough School Board
Benediction	Rev. Joseph A. Millard
Recessional	Mr. Frank Judkins

Class of 1946

RAYMOND AUGUST BERTHOLET
ELIZABETH ANN FOGG
LORRAINE KNIGHT BRIZER
ROBERT GEORGE FORSTER
DIANA ARLENE BROWN
DOROTHY LOUISE HARRIS
GRACE ELIZABETH BURLEIGH
RUTH NATALIE HUNTOON
SHIRLEY MAE CURRIER
VIRGIE ELAINE LEIGHTON
PAULINE GERTRUDE EDMANDS
LAURIS DANIEL MOORE, JR.
MADELINE GRACE FINLEY
EDMUND FOSTER WESTON

Class Marshall	CONNIE LEITH
Colors	Yellow and Gray
Flower	Yellow Rose
Motto	"Today Decides Tomorrow"

Janitor

For many years, Mr. Clarence Dearbon has taken great interest in the schools and has given many hours a week to janitor and maintenance work. When he notified the School Board last spring that he would not be available for further employment, the Board considered several potential candidates for the position. Mr. Clifford Robichaud was the happy choice and he is giving an excellent account of himself.

Advancement

The theme which is guiding the teachers in their work with pupils this year is: "Our Thinking in the Future Must Be Worldwide." In advancing this theme, a teachers' meeting was held at the opening of the fall term. At this the State Director of Elementary School Services, Miss Gertrude M. Lewis, spoke on, "Geography for All Learners." The new school nurse, Mrs. Lurline H. McCook, used a colored film, "Teacher Observations of School Children."

Conclusion

In submitting this seventh annual report, it is a pleasure to express my appreciation again to the members of the School Board, the teachers, the nurse and citizens for their efforts and interest in supporting good schools.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD P. MATOON

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Belknap SS:

To the inhabitants of the School District of Belmont, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in Community Hall, in said District, Saturday, March 8, 1947, at 2:00 p.m., to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year
3. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year
4. To choose a member of the School Board to serve for three years, to fill the vacancy arising from the expiration of the term of office of Norma A. Prescott
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant
7. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board and other district officers
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the School Board in its annual report
9. To see if the district will authorize the School Board to apply for and accept for the district available Federal funds to finance the employment of architectural services and the preparation of plans for any proposed school building changes

10. To see what sum of money the district will vote to raise and appropriate for the operation of a school lunch program, or the purchase of equipment

11 To see what steps the district will take to provide gymnasium facilities at the high school

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting

Given under our hands at said Belmont, this seventh day of January, 1947.

NORMA A. PRESCOTT
JOHN J. McDONOUGH
RICHARD W. WESTON
School Board

BUDGET FOR 1947-48

BELMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board's statement of amount required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations for the school year beginning July 1, 1947

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

Support of Schools		
Teachers' salaries	$20,700.00	
Textbooks	700.00	
Scholars' Supplies	900.00	
Flags and appurtenances	20.00	
Other expenses of instruction	325.00	
Janitor service	1,750.00	
Fuel	1,000.00	
Water, light and janitor supplies	758.00	
Minor repairs and expenses	800.00	
Health supervision	750.00	
Transportation of pupils	5,580.00	
Other special activities	100.00	
Total		$33,383.00
Other Statutory Requirements		
Salaries of district officers	$197.00	
Superintendent's salary	639.00	
Truant officer and school census	38.20	
High school tuition	0.00	
Per capita tax	500.00	
Fixed charges—Insurance	100.00	
Other fixed charges—Retirement	500.00	
New equipment	200.00	
Other obligations	450.00	
Payment of district debt	675.00	
Payment of interest on debt	192.00	
Total		3,491.20
Total required to meet budget		$36,874.20

ESTIMATED INCOME

State aid (estimated)	$4,618.00	
Federal aid (estimate)	175.00	
High school tuition (estimate)	300.00	
Total estimated income (not raised by taxation)		5,093.00
Assessment required to meet budget		$31,781.20

NORMA A. PRESCOTT

JOHN J. McDONOUGH

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School Board

Belmont, N. H.
December 4, 1946